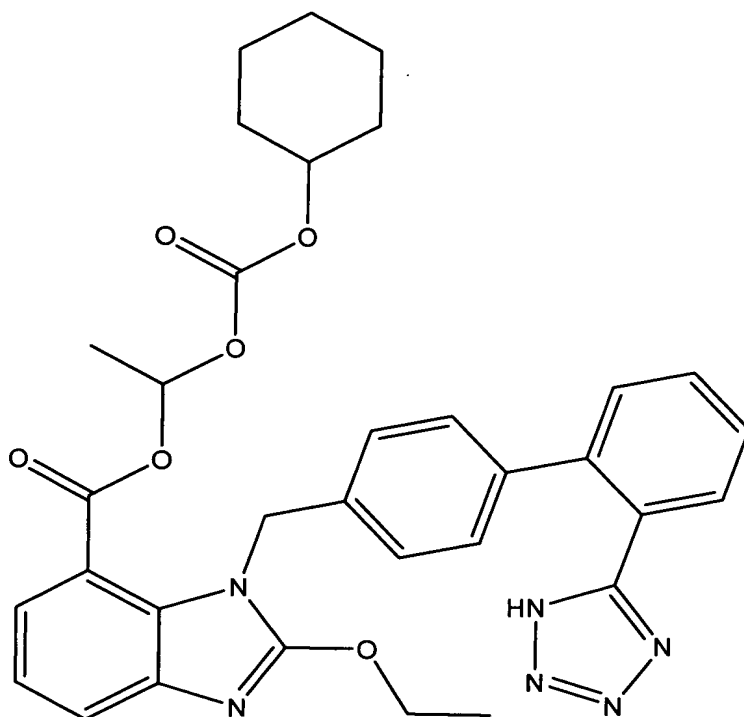


REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 3-12, 22-27, 29-33, 35 and 36 are pending, claims 23 and 25 are amended, and claims 1, 2, 13-21, 28 and 34 are canceled. Claims 23 and 25 have been amended so that claims 3 or 4 provide proper antecedent basis.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 3, 5-12, 22-27, 29-31 and 33 with traverse. Applicants elect with traverse with respect to the restriction between Group I and Group III because the compound of claim 35 is encompassed by claim 3. Therefore the restriction between Group I and Group III is improper.

With respect to the Examiner's requirement on page 4 of the outstanding Office Action to elect a single compound (*i.e.* an election of species), applicants elect the compound of claim 35, which encompassed by claims 3, 5-10, 22-26, 29-31, 33 and 35. For the Examiner's convenience, the structure of the elected species is presented below.



The above compound relates to Formula (Iq) of claim 3 as follows: X is a direct bond, n is 1, Y is —O—, R¹ is a hydrocarbon residue and R⁶ is a lower (C₁₋₆) alkyl substituted with 1-lower (C₁₋₆) alkoxycarbonyloxy.

Applicants await an action on the merits. Any questions the examiner may have can be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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